Limestone Deposits in Gujarat

1495. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surveys and exploration have established the availability of deposits of various categories of lime stones in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the district-wise and category-wise location thereof;

(c) the protection and incentives proposed to be provided by Government for exploration and utilization of these deposits;

(d) whether Government of Gujarat has proposed any scheme in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The survey and exploration have established adequate resource of cement and chemical grades of limestone in the state of Gujarat. The details of available limestone district-wise and category-wise are as under:—

District and location of Cement Grade Limestone in Gujarat

District	Location
1. Junagarh	Kodinar, Una, Veraval & Porbandar, Pranchi, Kajavadri.
2. Kutch	Fulra, Patipur, Lakhpal, Wamka, Ramaniu, Waghapadar.
3. Amreli	Jafrabad, Kovaya
4. Bhavnagar	Talaja, Mahuva, Gopnath, Methla.
5. Panchmahal	Dohad, Zalod.
6. Banaskantha & Sabarkantha	Divania, Khila, Virpur, Dhagivas, Ranpur.
7. Bharoch and Surat	Valia, Dungary, Goda.

Distric and Location of Chemical Grade Limestone in Gujarat

District	Location
1. Junagarh	Kodinar, Una, Veraval & Porbandar, Pranchi, Kajavadri.
2. Kutch	Fulra, Patipur, Lakhpal, Wamka, Ramaniu, Waghapadar.
3. Amreli	Jafrabad, Kovaya

(c) Limestone is minor mineral & under the MMDR Act, its administration etc. vests with its State Government. Therefore, it is upto the State Government to take appropriate steps for utilization of its deposits. The Central Government does not have any proposal for incentives.

(d) No specific scheme is proposed by the State Government of Gujarat.

(e) Question does not arise.

Meeting of Indo-China Working Group

1496. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of the Indo-China Working Group on Coal has been held recently in China;

(b) if so, the details of the agenda discussed during the meeting; and

(c) the decisions taken at the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) The 8th Session of the Indo-China Working Group on Coal was held on 4th-5th June, 2002 at Beijing.

(b) and (c) India and China have agreed to implement co-operation in the following sectors:—

(1) Exchange of policies, regulations and structural adjustment in Coal Industry.

(2) Exchange of technology and experience on mine safety supervision.